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LETTER REGARDING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. The instant application is based on International Application No. PCT/IT2003/00363 filed on June 11, 2003, which claims priority to International Application No. PCT/IT2002/00774 filed on December 10, 2002.

A series of patent applications have been filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office which claim priority to one of the above-referenced international applications and/or have specifications that are similar to that of the instant application. These applications are (i) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/538,529 published on June 8, 2006 as Publication No. US 2006/0118048 and based on International Application No. PCT/IT2002/00774; (ii) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/538,416 published on April 20, 2006 as Publication No. US 2006/0081187 and based on International Application No. PCT/IT2002/00773 filed on December 10, 2002, and (iii) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/552,937 published on December 7, 2006 as Publication No. US 2006/0275104 and based on International Application No. PCT/IT2004/000335 filed on June 9, 2004.

Accordingly, through the attached Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant now expressly discloses the above-referenced U.S. cases. In addition, Applicant

discloses references cited either by Examiner or Applicant during the prosecution of the above-referenced U.S. cases. In particular, with respect to cases (i) and (ii) above, Applicant received initial Office Actions dated September 6, 2007 and October 10, 2007, respectively, in which the Examiner cited the same references. With respect to case (iii) above, Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement at filing which disclosed a number of references that had not been cited in the instant patent application.

It is respectfully requested that the information provided in the attached Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner initial each considered reference on the attached Information Disclosure Statement and return a copy to Applicant.

By submitting these references, Applicant does not admit the references are prior art to or material to this application, and reserves the right to establish any reference is not prior art. Applicant does not represent that the references have been reviewed in detail; there may be details in the references of which Applicant is unaware.

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